

ALTON IMMUNITY DISCUSSED

QUESTION IS WHETHER ROAD ACTED IN GOOD FAITH.

All Day Conference With Attorney-General Bonaparte Over the Matter of Prosecuting the Railroad—Immunity Was Promised—Is That Now Binding?

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—There was an all day conference at the Department of Justice to-day on the question of the Chicago and Alton rebate cases, with special reference to the question whether the immunity from prosecution which was promised to that railroad by ex-Attorney-General Moody is still binding upon the Government. Federal Judge Keneaw M. Landis, who imposed the big Standard Oil fine at Chicago, holds that it is not binding, and he is supported in this opinion by E. W. Sims, the United States District Attorney in Chicago, who helped prosecute the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and who stands ready to prosecute the Alton.

C. W. Morrison, the predecessor of Mr. Sims in the District Attorney's office and subsequently employed as special counsel for the Government in the Standard Oil cases, takes the opposite ground, at least to the extent of declaring that the immunity which he, with the approval of ex-Attorney-General Moody, promised was of the broadest character. The leading legal and freight traffic officers of the Alton declare, of course, that the railroad company is immune. All these persons, besides Mr. Wilkerson, another Government attorney concerned in the prosecution of the Standard Oil, took part in the conference with Attorney-General Bonaparte to-day.

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The Attorney-General to-day said District Attorney Sims, special assistant Attorney Wilkerson, together with former Assistant Attorney Morrison, and also attorneys for the Chicago and Alton Railroad. At the close of the conference, which lasted nearly all day, Attorney-General Bonaparte said that there was no statement that he could make in regard to the matter until after he had made a further communication to Judge Landis. He expects to communicate with the Judge without delay.

The Alton officials who saw the Attorney-General were Robert A. Shaw, general counsel; Ralph M. Shaw, also of the legal department; F. S. Holland, freight tariff clerk; and J. M. Howard, freight agent. These men did not meet Mr. Bonaparte until late in the afternoon, as they were not admitted to the conference between the Attorney-General and Messrs. Sims, Morrison and Wilkerson, which lasted several hours.

The whole question at issue was whether the Chicago and Alton acted in good faith while giving testimony in Judge Landis's court to assist in the prosecution of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. Although Judge Landis instructed the Federal Grand Jury, after the imposition of the big fine on the Standard, to proceed to take up the evidence against the Chicago and Alton, the District Attorney is subject to instructions from the Attorney-General and it remains for Mr. Bonaparte to say whether the Government should proceed to prosecute the Alton.

The Attorney-General has given no intimation as to what he will do in the matter, but the Alton officials this afternoon argued strongly that they had acted in entire good faith while giving testimony against the Standard Oil Company. As to the statement that immunity was promised and that the immunity was of the most comprehensive character there is no longer any doubt, and it is solely a question whether the railroad authorities fulfilled their part of the bargain to the best of their ability.

It will cause no surprise if the Attorney-General decides that the immunity promise is not binding, but no statement on the subject could be obtained from him to-day. District Attorney Sims brought with him to Washington a transcript of the record in the Standard Oil case showing the character of the testimony given by the Alton officials, who were called on to take the stand for the Government, and it is supposed that the District Attorney pointed out to Mr. Bonaparte several instances in which the answers of Alton officials were unsatisfactory to him.

It is probable that a conclusion will be reached within a few days. The Government wishes to dispose of the matter as soon as possible because some of the charges against the Alton road will soon expire by reason of the statute of limitations.

SEVERE STORM IN NORTHWEST.

Heavy Damage About St. Paul and Minneapolis—Traffic Tied Up.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 19.—A storm with a tornado and a cloudburst as features which swept the region from Bismarck, N. D., to Duluth and southward, seemed to centre about St. Paul and Minneapolis, did heavy damage in this vicinity Sunday night.

Telephone and telegraph wires were blown down, cellars were flooded, and traffic of all kinds was seriously interfered with. Many houses in the two cities were struck by lightning and set on fire. Crops of all kinds in this section of Minnesota were badly damaged.

Travel on the interurban lines was stopped all night, and forty persons in one interurban car were imprisoned until morning.

The Burlington train due in Chicago at 6 o'clock this morning couldn't get past Preston, Minn., on account of a washout at Brainerd. The Northern Pacific tracks along the Mississippi River were undermined. Trains on all roads were delayed. The storm was the worst in years.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Aug. 19.—The fourth severe rain and wind storm of the month completely tied up traffic on the main lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Burlington roads to-day. The track of the former between La Crosse and St. Paul in places is covered with fifteen feet of mud. There have been no trains into La Crosse since Sunday on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and trains on the Burlington are not further than this city, where they are tied up waiting for the track to be repaired.

LOST IN THE NORTH WOODS.

William Edwards, an Accountant of Utica, Has Been Missing a Week.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 19.—The whole north country is aroused over the case of William Edwards, an expert accountant of this city, who has been lost in the Adirondack forest for a week, though his family were not informed of his plight until to-day. Bloodhounds are being used in the effort to find some trace of the missing man, but with the exception of the finding of his pocketbook near the dam at Timothy L. Woodruff's camp at Racquette Lake, from which place Mr. Edwards started to walk to Sol Carnahan's lumber camp, five miles away, no trace of his movements has been discovered.

One week ago to-day Edwards, who is about 30 years old, returned to the woods after a visit with his family in this city.

Mr. Edwards left the train at Racquette Lake and spent a few hours with the caretaker of Woodruff's preserve, the same afternoon starting for Carnahan's camp, five miles away. Investigation shows that he was mistaken in his ability to find his way and that he became confused and wandered about in a hopeless endeavor to find a way out.

When Mr. Edwards did not return to his work an investigation was started at the Carnahan camp, and then it was discovered that he had tried to make the journey afoot and unaccompanied from Woodruff's Dam.

Mr. Edwards's three sons from Utica are leaders in the work of trying to find their father. They are assisted by a couple of hundred lumbermen and summer guests of hotels in the vicinity. Experienced woodmen believe that Mr. Edwards has died of exposure and starvation.

WEST POINTERS ON A MARCH.

Cadets and Officers of a Massachusetts Regiment Go for a Week in Field Work.

WEST POINT, Aug. 19.—Under the command of Lieut.-Col. Robert L. Howe, the battalion of cadets, all the officers on duty, the enlisted men of the cavalry, artillery and engineer detachments, the hospital corps with its ambulances, mule pack train, wagons of rations and camp equipments, started this morning on a week's practice march. A scope of country three miles in width on the east shore of the Hudson River as far north as Poughkeepsie will be traversed. There will be constant imaginary battle from start to finish.

The West Point forces were joined by thirty officers and 130 non-commissioned officers of the Eighth Regiment, Massachusetts militia, under command of Col. W. A. Pugh, who will participate in the manoeuvres. The officers and men will go into camp to-night at Nelson's farm, east of Cold Spring. On Tuesday night camp will be established at Rodgett's farm, east of Fishkill, where the manoeuvres will be tendered the officers. The other points at which the force will camp will be at Shook's farm on Wednesday night, Glass farm near Poughkeepsie on Thursday night and the Brinkerhoff farm on Friday night, returning to West Point on Saturday.

CHAPLAIN JONES DISMISSED.

Found Guilty of Issuing Worthless Checks and of Falschood.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Rear Admiral Brownson, acting Secretary of the Navy, to-day approved the findings of the court-martial in the case of Chaplain Harry W. Jones, who was tried at Norfolk on charges of issuing worthless checks and falschood. He was found guilty and sentenced to dismissal from the navy.

Admiral Brownson approved the verdict.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 19.—Chaplain Harry W. Jones, U. S. N., recently tried by naval court, is said to be prostrated at the marine barracks in the Norfolk Navy Yard. The naval authorities will give out nothing as to his condition, nor will they confirm the statement that he is at the barracks.

NEW DAUGHTER FOR HUGHES.

Governor's Wife Gives Birth to a Girl Baby in the Executive Mansion.

ALBANY, Aug. 19.—A girl baby was born to Gov. and Mrs. Charles E. Hughes at the Executive Mansion at 4:30 this morning, their fourth child. Both mother and child are doing well, according to the physician's report. The infant registered eight pounds at her first weighing.

The Governor's three older children are Charles E. Hughes, Jr., 19 years old, and two girls, Helen, 16 years old, and Catherine, 9.

The new Hughes baby is the first child ever born in the Executive Mansion. Gov. Hughes was at the Executive chamber this morning as usual, deeply engrossed in his work.

Charles E. Hughes married on December 5, 1888, Antoinette Carter, younger daughter of Walter S. Carter, the lawyer into whose firm Mr. Hughes had then recently been admitted a member.

Gov. Hughes to-night announced his engagements for the remainder of August and for the first half of September. They are: August 23, inspect Fourth Brigade camp, Farmham, Erie county; August 24, Chautauque, August 25, Washington County Fair; August 26, Lewis County Agricultural Society, Lowville; August 27, Geneva Experiment Station celebration, Ontario county; August 30, Delaware County Agricultural Society, Delhi; September 3, Fulton County Agricultural Society, Johnstown; September 4, review Third Brigade camp, Pelham, Jefferson county; September 5, dedication McKinley monument, Buffalo, Erie county; September 6, New York and Vermont Chamberlain Celebration, Champlain, Essex county; September 10, welcome G. A. R. Convention, Saratoga, evening; September 11, review parade, Albany, A. R.; September 12, State Fair, Syracuse.

HE WAS IN THIRTEEN CLUB.

Now He's Dead, a Suicide—No Other Explanation.

John Mills, 55 years old, an employee of the Post Office Department, committed suicide yesterday by inhaling gas in his room at 300 West 123d street. Mills had been a member of the Thirteen Club in 1893 and on the back of a club circular of that date he had written the name of his son, Homer C. Mills, 420 Tenth street, Brooklyn. The circular told of a dinner given by the club on September 13 of that year.

Mills feared he was getting too old for his work in the Post Office and thought he might be removed.

HOLY ROLLERS LET CHILD DIE

CORONER'S JURY HOLDS FATHER AND MOTHER FOR NEGLECT.

Both Pray Afoot in Court Before They Testify—Admit They Gave Baby No Medicine—Frenzied Sect's Nasty Meeting Disturbs Inquest at Tottenville.

Several weeks ago the Holy Rollers of Tottenville, Staten Island, prayed for five hours that Peter Peterson, a member of the strange sect, might die because in the excess of religious zeal he had proclaimed that he was ready to be received by the Lord. Peterson still lives, but yesterday Ruth, his fifteen months old daughter, died at his home on Breunhaut avenue unattended by a physician. Following the tenets of the Holy Rollers, Peterson and his wife had prayed over the sick child instead of administering the medicines a physician had prescribed.

Last night when Peterson and his wife, Anne, were called before a Coroner's jury to tell why they had allowed the child to suffer without medical aid both requested that they might pray for Divine guidance before giving their testimony. The mother of the dead child knelt before Coroner Martin Cahill and the jury and lifted up her voice in a prayer.

"Almighty God," she said, "I left my loved one in Your hands for I knew that if You saw fit to save his life You would. Now that You have taken my child away I know that You have done it for the best, and I know You will permit me to see it in heaven some time. The Almighty God is powerful and I am satisfied that no doctor on earth could prescribe medicine which would cure my child if God saw fit to take it away. If God saw fit He could restore my child to me."

While Mrs. Peterson was praying the Holy Rollers, who had purposely hired a hall next door to the Knights of Pythias temple, where the inquest was in progress, were engaged in praying vociferously for the souls of the man and woman who were being examined. Their shouts of glory and hymns of praise dinned into the Coroner's room constantly during the proceedings. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were held by the Coroner to appear before the Magistrate's court in Stapleton to-day.

As soon as the fact of the child's death was reported to the Tottenville police station yesterday morning District Attorney John J. Kenny of Stapleton was notified and Coroner Cahill began an investigation. Peterson admitted that the child had been allowed to suffer without the administration of medicines because, he said, it was the Lord's will that the little one should die and human aid could avail to save her. He said that a week ago he had called in Dr. David Coleman, who had recommended medicines for the infant, but the prescriptions were never filled. The doctor had been called only because Peterson thought that in case of her death the physician would sign a death certificate.

When the District Attorney made an investigation of the case yesterday he learned much of the peculiar practices of the Holy Rollers. The Christian Alliance is the name the denomination gives itself. The sect has a church in Tottenville and carries on religious services of a character to excite most of the people of Tottenville in protest against the votaries. Those who have attended the services told District Attorney Kenny that in the frenzy of their religious mania the worshippers roll about the floor and climb under the seats, men and women indiscriminately. Below the floor of the church there is a "prayer cellar," with a sign over the door, "This is for Christ only." Here, it is said, religious orgies are carried on without lights and sometimes far into the morning.

At a recent meeting of the sect Peterson is said to have proclaimed that he was so pure and so happy in the redemption that he knew to be his that he wanted to be translated at once. Whereupon all the worshippers united in five hours serious endeavor through prayer to have the Lord show His strength and blast Peterson on the spot.

It is the belief of the Holy Rollers that medicines and physicians' services are interferences with the will of the Almighty, and consequently prayer is the only remedy for sickness among them. Recently when a woman of the flock was about to give birth to a child the Holy Rollers fought against the calling in of a physician until neighbors insisted. The child had been hailed before its advent as a promised prophet.

An autopsy held yesterday afternoon developed the fact that Peterson's baby had died of inflammation of the bowels. At the Coroner's inquest held last night Peterson freely testified that he and his wife had made no effort to minister to the sick child except through fasting and prayer.

H. H. ROGERS ON DUTY.

Makes a Short Stay at His Office After a Three Weeks Absence.

H. H. Rogers was at his office yesterday for the first time in three weeks. Mr. Rogers was at 25 Broadway for only an hour and declined to authorize any interview. His presence was known by very few and he left to go back on his yacht after seeing one or two only of his associates.

MAYOR VISITS THE MORGUE.

Cruise in Water Department Yacht Interrupted for an Official Inspection.

Mayor McClellan visited the Morgue last night. With him were his two secretaries, Frank M. O'Brien and William A. Willis, and Little Tim Sullivan and Water Commissioner John H. O'Brien.

The party landed from the Water Department's steam yacht Mayrock at the recreation pier at the foot of East Twenty-fourth street at about 10 o'clock and walked up First avenue to Bellevue.

Night Superintendent McHale took the Mayor and his friends to town, and after looking about the grounds for a few minutes the party headed for the Morgue. Superintendent of the Morgue showed the Mayor all through the building. Mr. McClellan looked at several bodies. The Mayor expressed himself as well pleased with the condition of things.

The Water Department's yacht left the foot of Twenty-fourth street at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with John H. O'Brien and Mike Padden on board. The Mayor and the others in the party were picked up later.

BIGGEST DIAMOND FOR EDWARD.

Transvaal Legislature Votes to Buy the Cullinan Stone for the King.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PRETORIA, Aug. 19.—The Legislative Assembly by a vote of 42 to 19 adopted to-day the proposal of Prime Minister Botha to purchase the Cullinan diamond as a present for King Edward in token of the loyalty of the people of the Transvaal and in commemoration of the grant of responsible government to the colony.

Gen. Botha said that the Premier Company, having failed to sell the diamond, had agreed that the payment by the Government should be spread over a number of years. The Premier pleaded for unanimity in the vote so that the gift would be truly a national one.

The Progressive leaders complained that Gen. Botha's refusal to delay the proposal made them appear ungenerous, but in view of the depression and the number of men out of work they could not sanction the expenditure of more than 3 per cent. of the annual revenue in making the gift.

The Labor members supported Gen. Botha.

The Cullinan is the largest diamond known. It was found in the Premier mine in 1905 and was named for the president of the company owning the mine. Its dimensions, uncut, were 4½ inches long, 2½ in depth and 2½ in breadth. It weighed 3,023½ carats. Its value is estimated at \$750,000. Under the diamond law the Government owns three-fifths of the stone. This will make the price to be paid to the company by the Government \$300,000.

WILL CONTEST \$4,500,000 FINE.

New York and Bermudez Asphalt Co. Will Appeal in Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The State Department received this morning a cable despatch from Minister Russell at Caracas reporting the imposition by the Venezuelan court of a fine of \$4,500,000 upon the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company on account of its alleged participation in the Matos rebellion.

Mr. Russell says that in addition to this fine the court authorized assessments to cover other damages in five different particulars, such as the loss of revenues to the Government during the rebellion and the killing of Venezuelan citizens.

It is possible to appeal from this decision, first to the Superior Court, then to the Federal court and lastly to the Court of Cassation. This means of testing the validity of the decision will be adopted by the company.

ACT AGAINST TELEGRAPH COS.

Information Charging Fraud Filed With Circuit Attorney in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—The Commercial Telegraphers Union of America filed information in the office of the Circuit Attorney this afternoon charging the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies with defrauding the public by mailing telegrams that were to be sent over the wire at the regular rates. Five affidavits were filed. The matter will be called to the attention of the Federal post office authorities to-morrow.

Officials of both telegraph companies deny that they have been using the mails for the sending of telegrams.

FOUR WOMEN OUT ON WRITS.

But They Go Back to Bloomingdale Pending Argument in Court.

Four women were brought to the Supreme Court yesterday from the Bloomingdale Asylum on writs of habeas corpus sued out in their behalf by Alderman Frederick Ware and Lawyer Harry G. Bockius. In each case it was alleged that the woman was wrongfully detained as a lunatic, but argument on all the writs was adjourned at the request of Lawyer Wilson M. Powell, representing the asylum authorities.

The four women are Elizabeth M. Holmes, Ellen King Wilson-Whitney, Emily M. Elwyn and Mary E. Lewis. They were brought to court in charge of female keepers and by consent of counsel were taken back to the asylum to await the arguments in court.

The District Attorney's office was represented in court by Assistant Johnstone, who said that a letter had been received by Mr. Jerome from Lawyer Powell to the effect that all four women were paranoiacs and that their release would mean a danger to the community.

Mrs. Holmes was committed to Bloomingdale on October 9. She lived in Brooklyn and was deeply interested in sociological work. One of her delusions, it is said, was her conviction in the Police Department. In January, 1906, she went to Washington and made a fuss at the White House. She was put in the house of detention until her husband got her. The adjournment was granted in her case because her sanity is to be inquired into by a commission named by the Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Lewis has been in inmate of various asylums since 1905, and she is to be examined by alienists agreed on by both Mr. Powell and Mr. Bockius.

FRANCE AND GERMANY CLOSER.

Ambassador to Visit Chancellor von Buelow at Summer Resort.

SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE SUN.
PARIS, Aug. 20.—The Matin announces that the French Ambassador to Germany is going to visit Chancellor Prince von Buelow for a few days at Nordsee, an island in the North Sea, a well known German summer resort. This is taken as a sign of the better feeling now existing between France and Germany.

SECY TAFT'S MOTHER WORSE.

Dr. Charles A. Taft Says She Has Changed Greatly in the Last Few Hours.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 19.—There has been a change for the worse in the condition of Mrs. Louis M. Taft, mother of Secretary Taft, in the last twenty-four hours. There was a consultation of physicians at the Taft home this afternoon, but nothing was given out for publication.

Dr. Charles A. Taft, physician in charge, said that Mrs. Taft had changed greatly during the last few hours.

SUIT TO TEST THE BOYCOTT

CONCERNS "UNFAIR" AND THE "WE DON'T PATRONIZE" LISTS.

Injunction Asked Against the Federation of Labor Officials Which Raises the Question of Conspiracy by Labor Men—A Big Legal Battle Is Expected.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—An attack upon the "boycott system" of the American Federation of Labor was begun here to-day when James W. Van Cleave of St. Louis, president of the American Association of Manufacturers, filed a suit in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia seeking to restrain the federation and its officers from the use of the "unfair" and "we don't patronize" lists.

Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, and other officers of the organization are named as defendants. Mr. Van Cleave brings the suit as an individual, but he has the backing of the association of which he is president and other similar organizations. It is understood that this is the beginning of a big legal battle designed to prevent the use of the boycott against persons or companies falling under the displeasure of union labor.

Several broad questions of law are involved in the suit. It raises the question whether an order projecting a boycott or the enforcement of the boycott is not a conspiracy within the meaning of the Sherman anti-trust act.

The immediate provocation for the suit filed to-day was the action of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor in putting the Buck Stove Company of St. Louis on the unfair list. This was done some months ago. It was alleged by the labor leaders that the stove company was put on the list on the ground of harsh treatment to certain of its employees who belonged to the foundrymen's union. This company denies that it ever had any trouble with the foundrymen's union and declares that the boycott was declared against it out of malice.

The company seeks in this suit, among others, a judicial opinion as to whether the boycott has any standing in law.

HOUSE REAPPOINTED.

It Is Likely That He Will Be Continued as Boss City Magistrate.

Mayor McClellan yesterday appointed Magistrate Frederick B. House, president of the Board of City Magistrates, to the vacancy in the board made by the appointment of Magistrate Charles S. Whitman to be a Judge of General Sessions. Magistrate House's present term would expire on July 1 next. He will resign from his present office and the Mayor will have thirty days in which to fill the vacancy. The time limit for filling the Whitman vacancy would have expired to-day. The Mayor will not make the new appointment to fill out the term expiring next July until he returns from the second instalment of his vacation.

Magistrate House holds that by accepting the new appointment he enters the Board of Magistrates as a new member and when he takes the oath of office he will cease to be president of the board. Before he takes the oath he will issue a call for a special meeting of the board to elect a new president. It is likely that he will be chosen to succeed himself as president.

LAURA M. CARTER'S DIAMONDS

Replevined by Sheriff for Her Sister, but Windsor Trust Wants One of Them.

Deputy Sheriff O'Neil replevined yesterday a diamond ring valued at \$1,250 from William Reiman, a jeweller, with whom it was left to be replevined. The writ of replevin was issued by the Sheriff on a lunatic's claim of Laura M. Carter, who is under arrest in the case of Chester B. Runyan, who stole \$50,000 from the Windsor Trust Company on June 29.

Two rings, one with a diamond of 3½ carats and the other with one of 3½ carats, were left with Mr. Reiman to be reset into one ring. The rings were assigned by Mrs. Carter to her sister. The ring replevined by the Sheriff has the two diamonds in it.

The Windsor Trust Company has put in a claim for the 3½ carat diamond, alleging that it was purchased with the money stolen by Runyan. The Sheriff will let the claimants fight it out in court.

NEW ASSISTANT POSTMASTER.

Private Secretary Murphy Gets Place Made Vacant by Morgan's Promotion.

Thomas F. Murphy, private secretary to the Postmaster of New York since January 1, 1905, was appointed assistant postmaster yesterday afternoon by Postmaster Morgan to fill the vacancy caused by the latter's promotion.

Mr. Murphy was born in this city in 1868 and got his education in the public schools and in the College of the City of New York. He was superintendent of Bellevue and its allied hospitals under the Strong administration and Superintendent of Parks under Mayor Low. Mr. Murphy was appointed private secretary by Postmaster Wilcox on January 1, 1905.

Postmaster Morgan said yesterday that he would not appoint a private secretary for several days.

MRS. LEARY'S JEWELS STOLEN.

Burglar Enters Room of New York Contractor's Widow at Lucerne.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LUCERNE, Aug. 19.—The room in a hotel here occupied by Mrs. James D. Leary and Miss Leary of New York has been entered by a burglar, who secured jewels valued at \$5,000.

It is believed the thief entered the room by climbing a vine to the hotel balcony. Mrs. Leary woke as the burglar left the room by a window. She believes that she can identify him.

Mrs. James D. Leary is the widow of James D. Leary, the shipbuilder and contractor, who built ships on Newtown Creek, shipped huge masses of timber from Norway in the famous "Leary rafts," and executed many large public works in Manhattan and Brooklyn. He dropped dead in the Hoffman House in November, 1902. Mrs. Leary was Miss Mary C. Fallon, daughter of James Fallon, a noted Brooklyn builder. Her daughter is Miss Marie C. Leary.

NOBEL PRIZE FOR KIPLING?

Stockholm Rumor That He Has Defeated Mark Twain—He Hasn't Heard It.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 19.—The Tidningen says it has good authority for stating that Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) having been suggested and rejected Rudyard Kipling has been designated as the winner of the Nobel literary prize this year.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The Daily Mail telegraphed Mr. Kipling, asking him to confirm or deny the story from Stockholm that the Nobel literary prize had been awarded to him. He replied that he had not been notified of the award.

SANDY HOOK SEES THE COMET

And Duty Records It in the Log Book, Long Tail and All.

The night man in the Sandy Hook marine observatory discovered the comet early yesterday morning and made a note of it. It showed somewhat dimly to the naked eye, and the observer trained his big telescope on it. In writing later in his log book he thus expressed his opinion of the visitor: "A large comet in the east, very bright, and having a long tail to it."

AUTO VICTIM LEFT \$500,000.

Not of It Goes to Widow, Who Alone Escaped Serious Hurt in Accident.

GREAT BRIMINGTON, Mass., Aug. 19.—Charles J. Root, the Bristol manufacturer, who was killed yesterday when his automobile hit an express train, left an estate estimated at \$500,000, nearly all of it to his niece, Miss Katherine Root, who survived the accident. She was able to go to her home in Bristol this afternoon, accompanied by Miss Caille Gallup.

The little girl is lame, but her injuries are not considered serious.

Miss Mary Root is still unconscious in the Pittsfield Hospital and there is no hope for her recovery.

EDDIE HARRIMAN FIRES ENGINE.

Heaves Coal on Father's Special for 120 Miles and Gets Train in on Time.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Aug. 19.—Young Eddie Harriman, son of Edward H. Harriman, on Saturday night fired the